

SOUTHWICK URBAN DISTRICT

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1940

BY

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SOUTHWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

10 Bulkington Avenue,
Worthing.

July, 1941.

Gentlemen,

Annual Report: 1940.

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2314 and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics.

		<u>Southwick</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	12.7	14.6
Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	13.9	14.3
Corrected Death Rate	...	12.5	-
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	...	69	55

The population as given by the Registrar General is 10,080. The factor for correction is 0.90, which gives a corrected death rate of 12.5.

Evacuation.

In May 1940 all the evacuee children of school age in Southwick were transferred to safer areas. At present there are 6 evacuee children under five years of age in Southwick, (all accompanied).

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Scarlet Fever	25	(21 in 1939)
Enteric Fever	1	(1 in 1939)
Diphtheria	4	(Nil " ")
Pneumonia	10	(8 in 1939)
Tuberculosis	6	(5 in 1939)
Measles	119	
Whooping Cough	43	
Erysipelas	4	
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	

Housing.

No. of new houses erected during 1940:

By Private Enterprise	...	26
By Local Authority	...	Nil

Bacteriological Samples.

<u>Milk.</u>	<u>No. taken.</u>	<u>No. complying with stand-ard.</u>	<u>No. failing to comply with stand-ard.</u>
Accredited.	4	3	1
Pasteurised.	2	2	-
<u>Water.</u>			

One sample from the public supply was examined during the year and proved satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Trevethick, as in former years, but as this is not required, I do not think it is necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 2850 visits and inspections were made as compared with 2095 in 1939.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) R. H. WILSHAW.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Southwick Urban District Council.

